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WCI Inmates Will Support Allegany Relay For Life Set-Up

TOWSON, MD (June 3, 2008)---Inmates from Western Correctional Institution in Cresaptown will support one of Allegany County's largest annual charity events this weekend, the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Five inmates will spend Thursday and Friday setting-up tents and tables, weeding and mowing, and preparing the site at Allegany College for the annual event. The inmates will be under the supervision of WCI maintenance officers. WCI's Administrative Officer Bill Jewell coordinated the inmate labor project.

The set-up for Relay for Life falls right into DPSCS Secretary Gary Maynard's large department-wide effort to put more inmates to work on projects that benefit local communities. In the past year, minimum-security Division of Correction and Patuxent Institution inmates have performed dozens of community enhancement projects from one end of Maryland to the other.

In Allegany County, inmates have cleaned and repaired the Dan's Rock overlook area; grown plants and flowers for Cumberland; performed community cleanups; and planted several thousand trees and seedlings. More community improvement efforts are in the developmental stage.

Western Correctional Institution, on U.S. 220 south in Cresaptown, houses 1,693 inmates. It is under the supervision of Warden Bobby Shearin, Assistant Warden Dr. Harry Murphy, and Security Chief Frank Bishop.

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